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President's Message

I hope the New Year is off to a healthy, happy start for all of you and I'd like to take this opportunity to update you on a number of IAMSLIC accomplishments and activities:

- ❑ Liz Winiarz and Maria Kalenchits have been busy with preparations for the program and local arrangements for the 2008 IAMSLIC Annual Conference in Suva, Fiji and by the time you read this the first call for papers will have come out and the conference website will be live. I hope that many of you will be able to attend.
- ❑ A "RegOnline Committee" has been established to help streamline some IAMSLIC business practices. Under the leadership of Eleanor Uhlinger this committee will establish comprehensive conference registration and membership renewal sites that will allow IAMSLIC to take credit card payments, provide consistent records for the IAMSLIC archives, and create templates that can be used for future conferences.
- ❑ Another newly established group is our "Travel Assistance Taskforce". This committee will create a web page of links and lists to aid members in seeking travel support for conference attendance. This page may include grant writing tips as well as links to potential granting agencies. IAMSLIC's modest income does not allow for much travel support so committee co-chairs Joan Parker and Jean Collins will be helping members learn to help themselves. If you have sources of support to suggest please let Joan and Jean know and they will add them to the web page.
- ❑ IAMSLIC has also been busy with outreach activities and we continue the work described in our MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with FAO (thank you Jean Collins, Janet Webster and Guillermina Cosulich). Thanks also to Janet Webster and Brian Voss who are in the process of finalizing another MOU between IAMSLIC and PICES (North Pacific Marine Science Organization). We are also beginning discussions with IOC (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission) and hope to re-establish our MOU with them as well. I hope to report our progress on that project in the next newsletter issue.
- ❑ Our other committees have all been busy carrying out the daily activities of our organization. I am particularly thankful to Kristen Metzger for handling both the Membership Database and the Membership Committee. I am in the process of naming members for two additional committees: Site Selection and Nominations.
- ❑ We are entering our second year of the new regional group structure and we have implemented several changes that will streamline processes in 2008. If all goes well this year, and we expect it will, IAMSLIC members will be asked to approve this new business model later this year.
- ❑ Finally, IAMSLIC has taken a big step forward in the arena of digital repositories by creating the Aquatic Commons. I encourage you all to learn more about this thematic repository (<http://www.iamslc.org/index.php?section=175>) and submit any and all appropriate publications.

Best wishes for 2008
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34th IAMSLIC Annual Conference

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 34th Annual IAMSLIC Conference September 14-18, 2008. The University of the South Pacific, in Suva, Fiji, will host the meeting. A joint PIMRIS/PIRG meeting will be held during this conference. Details, as they are available, will be posted at the conference website:

<http://www.iamslic.org/index.php?section=25>

The conference theme is IAMSLIC: Sustainability in a Changing Climate. Preliminary plans include topics related to impact of global warming, Pacific culture, traditional and subsistence fisheries, learning commons, a ProQuest/ASFA Partners panel and visits to local points of interest including a self-sustaining farm and the PIMRIS Library.

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Fiji - the conference destination

Photo Steve Turek

http://tools.coralreef.org/content/images/photo.acs?photo_id=1877&object_id=550&size=md

Fiji's mangrove swamps

IAMSLIC-ers and Fiji 2008 conference goes. . .

The following is a heartwarming story of one village elder's dedication to preserving mangroves in Korotogo, Vitilevu, on the so-called "Coral Coast".

<http://pidp.eastwestcenter.org/pireport/2007/October/10-12-ft.htm>

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Regional Group Reports

Joint 13th PIMRIS Steering Committee meeting / IAMS LIC PIRG Meeting

On 15-16 November 2007 the joint 13th Pacific Islands Marine Resources Information System (PIMRIS) Steering Committee Meeting / IAMS LIC Pacific Islands Regional Group (PIRG) Meeting was held in Suva, Fiji. A total of 22 PIMRIS and PIRG members, observers and invited guests from seven Pacific countries and Australia attended the successful meeting. Pacific librarians discussed regional changes and tendencies, reviewed past activities and made future plans. Topics of primary importance to both PIMRIS and PIRG members discussed at the meeting were: 1) 34th IAMS LIC Conference which is scheduled to be held in Suva, Fiji in September 2008; 2) Development the IODE ODIN project for Pacific Islands. On the basis of discussions, a

workplan, consisting of 6 standing orders, 28 recommendations and 12 actions, was prepared. The workplan will be reviewed periodically to ensure that the recommendations are being met. The meeting was followed by a one-day Training Workshop in Marine Information Management. A summary report of the meeting and the training workshop is available in the December Issue of PIMRIS Newsletter at

<http://www.usp.ac.fj/index.php?id=4652>

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Participants at the
Joint 13th PIMRIS Steering Committee meeting / IAMS LIC PIRG Meeting

Cyamus Regional Group News

The Cyamus regional group will be holding its annual meeting on March 26-29th, 2008, at the beautiful Friday Harbor Laboratories research facility of the University of Washington (<http://depts.washington.edu/fhl/>). Meeting attendees will be staying at the Friday Harbor Labs (FHL) facility on San Juan Island (<http://sanjuandirectory.com/>) which is located around 80 miles from Seattle, Washington. Plans for the meeting include an exciting cruise on the FHL research vessel the "Centennial", presentations on local terrestrial natural history, subtidal zone natural history, and tours of the research facility and the library.

The Cyamus regional project for 2007 was to select and fund digitization initiatives from member institutions

with unique collections, and to help them purchase scanning equipment or resources (staff or student labor) to digitize publications and add them to the IAMSLIC Aquatic Commons. Winners of the 2007 Digitization Project awards were Lenora Oftedahl, Barbara Butler, and Teresa de Jesus Barriga Ramirez. Congratulations to our winners, and stay tuned to the Aquatic Commons for their contributions.

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SAIL

SAIL held a business meeting at the latest IAMSLIC/SAIL annual meeting in October 2007. It was decided that all SAIL members should be members of IAMSLIC. The following is my memory of the issues raised. The SAIL listserv is still open and informal networking or advice from past members is still encouraged. SAIL needed to clear up duplication of effort in constantly maintaining separate directories when someone wants to be a member of SAIL but not IAMSLIC. We are a regional group under the umbrella of IAMSLIC and our membership should reflect that fact. Maintaining ever changing

directories does take time from our volunteers.

The call for papers has gone out and final planning for the 2008 SAIL conference is taking place. The conference will be held in Panama April 14-18 hosted by Vielka Chang-Yau, head librarian at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (<http://www.stri.org/>).

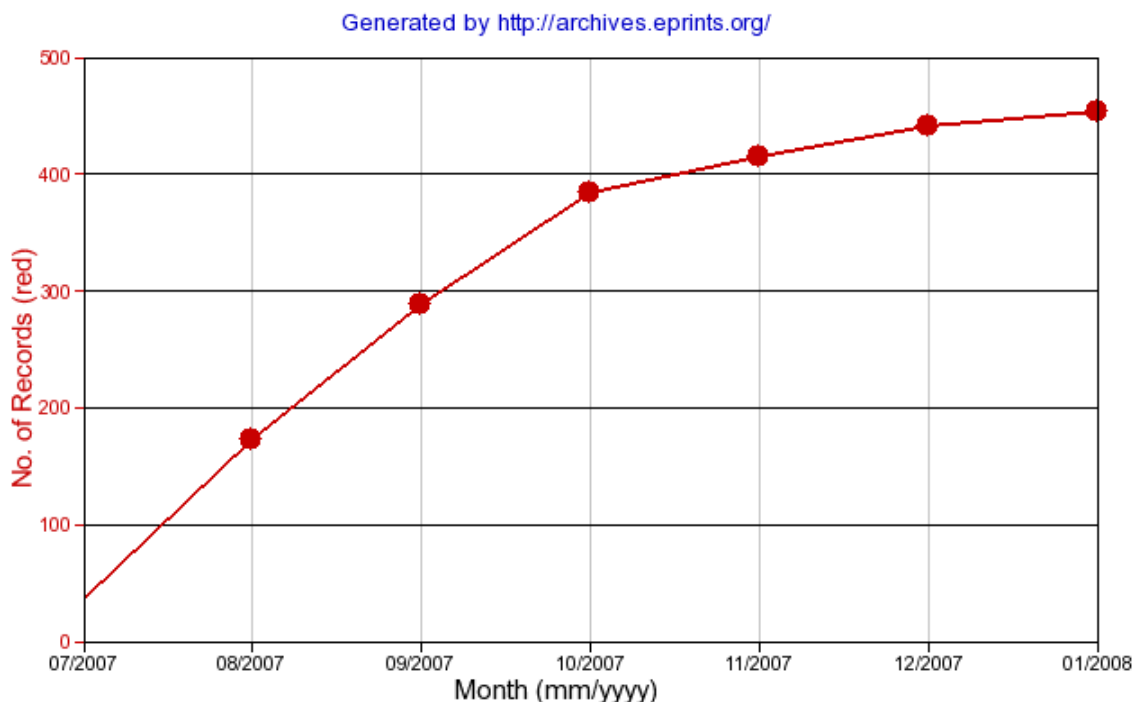
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Aquatic Commons Repository: Downloads are Rising

<http://aquacomm.fcla.edu>

In September 2007, IAMSILIC's Aquatic Commons repository <http://aquacomm.fcla.edu> became a reality. Beginning with the deposit of 36 items in September, the repository now holds more than 450 full text documents. The deposition rate is being tracked at the ROAR web site.



[Graph courtesy of Aquatic Commons site at Registry of Open Access Repositories (ROAR) <http://roar.eprints.org/?action=search&query=aquatic+commons&sa=Search>]

Chuck Thomas, the Aquatic Commons project manager with FCLA, did an initial analysis of the uses of the repository from December 9, 2007 through January 6, 2008. He found that 1,919 unique IP addresses visited the repository, and there were an average of 169 user visits per day. Also, there were 3,500 downloads of research papers by non-robotic users. The papers with the highest downloads are listed below.

Title	Downloads
Checklists of Selected Shallow-Water Marine Invertebrates of Florida	413
Aquaculture Asia, vol. 9, no. 1, January - March 2004.	260
Aquaculture Asia, Vol. 12, no. 2, April-June 2007	204
Florida's East Coast Inlets: shoreline effects and recommended action.	192
Studies on the use of sulfites to control shrimp melanosis (Blackspot)	147
Entendiendo, Evaluando y Solucionando los Problemas de Contaminación de Luz en Playas de Anidamiento de Tortugas Marinas.	110
Bioeconomic modelling of hard clam growout in Florida: the replacement decision.	106

Current Activities

Late in 2007, a group of interested IAMSILIC members met to discuss the Aquatic Commons model and to suggest possible strategies for moving the model-related goals of IAMSILIC forward. From that meeting, three Aquatic Commons working groups were formed to focus on: 1) collection development, 2) metadata issues, and 3) technology issues. Jean Collins is facilitating the collection development work with Joan Parker, Janet Webster, and Jan Haspeslagh as members. The metadata group is coordinated by Stephanie Haas with members Pauline Simpson, Snowdy Dodson, and Lisa Raymond, and Steve Watkins is coordinating the technology group with Brian Voss, Ian Pettman, Eleanor Uhlinger, and Fred Merceur. An update of working group activities will be available in the next IAMSILIC newsletter.

Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA) Activities

FCLA is looking at implementing a new statistical package IRStats for use with Aquatic Commons. This tool for analyzing the use of eprints in repositories was created by JISC out of the UK. Information on this package may be found at <http://trac.eprints.org/projects/irstats/>.

FCLA has done the final verification on existing metadata fields to be sure that all information that is entered will display. It is awaiting a decision by the Metadata Working Group on creating a field to indicate the content creator. This field is comparable to a Community in DSpace and will act as "branding" for a collection of records.

The other priority for FCLA is determining what needs to be done to create batch import/export functionality. This will be extremely important for large sets of documents such as the Alaskan Sea Grant collection.

Further modifications of the software are awaiting notification by EPrints of the next version release.

Get involved

The Aquatic Commons Board invites you to participate in building the repository. Contributing is easy, increases your library and institutional visibility, offers an accepted preservation strategy of providing multiple digital copies, and contributes to opening research worldwide.

*Submitted by Stephanie Haas on behalf of the Aquatic Commons Board and the three
Aquatic Commons Working Groups
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StreamNet Information Desk



The StreamNet Regional Library housed at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is one of the largest independent fisheries libraries in the Pacific Northwest. I'd claim the U.S., but I haven't done that research.

With little to no budget for collection development, we use innovative techniques such as book trading to build our collections in various topics such as fishing on the Columbia River, salmon biology and ecology in the Pacific Northwest.

Since 1996, the library has been using InMagic's DBTextworks and Webpublisher products to produce an online public access catalog (OPAC). However, we have begun and nearly completed the migration process to Koha's integrated library management software. We are also looking at how we can use Greenstone and Koha to economize our website and present our digital collections and electronic bibliographies to the world.

The StreamNet Regional Library specializes in grey and black (unpublished) literature from state, tribal and local agencies to provide information on the Pacific Northwest's natural resources. We work hard to find those difficult and nearly unobtainable reports for our customers.

"I have contacted or visited every academic and institutional library from California to Alaska in search of data. I recently spent two days at your library and left kicking myself for not going there first! Your collection of journals, government reports and non-governmental publications related to Pacific salmon and trout rivals that of any major university library in the region." --Dr. Kyle Young, Simon Burnaby University

And some humor to make you think... Why do fish jump? Because they don't have fingers.

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German Association of Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers Catalogue

In Germany the new " German Association of Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers Catalogue" is a new and very successful tool for librarians:

<http://gso.gbv.de/LNG=EN/DB=2.910/>

GAMSLIC (German Association of Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers) is an informal community of interests of the marine sciences libraries and information centers in Germany. GAMSLIC cultivates a network with the EURASLIC and the IASLIC.

THE GAMSLIC Catalogue contains the holdings of the following libraries:

- Alfred-Wegener-Institut für Polar- und Meeresforschung (AWI), Bremerhaven
- Bundesforschungsanstalt Fischerei (BFA-FI), Hamburg
- Deutsches Schiffahrtsmuseum (DMS), Bremerhaven
- Forschungsanstalt der Bundeswehr für Wasserschall und Geophysik (FWG), Kiel

- Forschungszentrum Terramare (FTM), Wilhelmshaven
- GKSS, Geesthacht (only journals catalogue)
- Leibniz-Institut für Meereswissenschaften - IFM-GEOMAR, Kiel
- Leibniz-Institut für Ostseeforschung, Warnemünde
- Meeresmuseum, Stralsund
- MPI-Evolutionsbiologie, Plön
- Zentrum für Marine und Atmosphärische Wissenschaften (ZMAW), Hamburg

With almost 10.000 accesses during the first 8 month of existence, we are very happy and satisfied!

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German Institutional Repositories

Are looking for the fulltext of a recent dissertation from a German university? Here you will find a (nearly) complete list of German universities' OA repositories: http://miles.cms.hu-berlin.de/dini/wisspub/repositories/englisch/index_en.php/.

An OAIsearch (German) upon more than 70 repositories is provided at:
<http://miles.cms.hu-berlin.de/oaisuche/oai.php>

[Author, Title, Subject and Abstract are searchable]

Some of the institutional repositories also collect lecture notes and other educational material.

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ODINECET Training Course on Marine Information Management (Advanced level)

This Training course is a continuation of intended instruction within the framework of the ODINECET project. The Training Course was attended by 13 participants from 7 countries - Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Russia and Ukraine. Training staff included two previously trained ODINECET instructors and several lecturers from Belgium and the U.S.A. who are part of the IOC OceanTeacher and Oceandocs projects.



This Training was sponsored and hosted by the UNESCO/IOC Project Office for IODE in Oostende, Belgium November 19-23, 2007.

Previously, a Regional 3-day MIM Training course for Ukrainian and Russian Aquatic Librarians was held back-to-back with the 12th EURASLIC conference 7-9 May, 2007, Ukraine. This course was primarily dedicated to the creation and management of e-repositories and was attended by participants who took part in the first ODINECET MIM Training Course 13-24 March, 2006, Oostende, Belgium.

One of the decisions made by the ODINECET group during the training course in Ukraine was to explore the creation of a regional electronic document repository or participate in an established electronic repository, such as OceanDocs.

As a result of this decision the main topics of November, 2007 training were devoted to the theoretical and practical steps in the creation of an electronic document repository. Other advanced topics on marine information/data partnering, current integrated library systems, and historical ecology/data mining and graphics were also presented.

The creation of ODINECET - Central and Eastern Europe Marine Repository (CEEMaR) on the technical base of the Institute of Biology of the Southern Seas by the end of March, 2008 is confirmed.



On behalf of the trainees I would like to express our gratitude to the invited lecturers - Paul Nieuwenhuysen, Marc Goovaerts, Jan Haspeslagh and particularly to Linda Pikula who helped us with programming and was a guardian of our ODINECET project.

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Community Emergency Response Team training hosted by Gunter Library

Gunter Library at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) is leading the effort to have Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training offered on campus. CERT is a program offered through the Mississippi Department of Homeland Security Civilian Corp office. CERT is a training program that helps people help themselves, their families, and their communities in the event of a disaster. Classes are broken into 9 modules taught over 20 hours. Modules include: managing utilities and small fire suppression, basic first aid, search and rescue, organizing volunteers, and communication with local emergency responders. CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may be on their own and their actions make a difference. The training is open to all interested faculty, staff, and students at GCRL, and to other campus personnel and local community members. There is no cost to participants.

CERT training is standardized across the United States of America and is funded by the US Department of Homeland Security to each state. An agency wanting to provide CERT training requests grant funding from the state office which is used to hire a trainer and purchase course materials.

Todd Frier, Mississippi Department of Homeland Security CERT program manager, met with GCRL director, Dr. William Hawkins, and Department of Coastal Sciences chairman, Jeffrey Lotz, to outline the program and its components. He addressed the membership of the Rotary Club of Ocean Springs earlier in the day as an invited speaker of Joyce Shaw, Head Librarian of the Gunter Library and a Rotarian.

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New Members - Welcome

Please join us in welcoming the following new IAMSLIC members:

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Lyra Joyce Pagulayan
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IRRI Khush Hall, Los Banos
PHILIPPINES

Vijay Krishnan Chandran
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Veterinary Authority / MFRD, SEAFDEC
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Premier issue of the Code4lib journal

The first issue of the Code4lib Journal has just been published:
<http://journal.code4lib.org/>.

Of note is the journal's mission, which is "to foster community and share information among those interested in the intersection of libraries, technology, and the future."

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Vai Pasifika

The New Joint Newsletter of the Pacific Islands Observing Systems

Announcing the release of the first issue of Vai Pasifika, the joint electronic newsletter of the Pacific Islands Global Ocean Observing System (PI-GOOS), the Pacific Islands Global Climate Observing System (PI-GCOS) and the Pacific Hydrological Cycle Observing System (Pacific HYCOS). The newsletter will be distributed quarterly by email and will contain news and articles from all three observing programmes. An electronic copy of the newsletter will also be available for download from the SOPAC website at <http://www.sopac.org/Vai+Pasifika>. To subscribe or unsubscribe to Vai Pasifika please send an email to vai.pasifika@sopac.org with either 'Subscribe to Vai Pasifika' or 'Unsubscribe to Vai Pasifika' in the subject line.

Vai Pasifika is produced jointly by SOPAC (Secretariat of the Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission, www.sopac.org) based in

Suva, Fiji, and SPREP (Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, www.sprep.org) based in Apia, Samoa. Vai (or Wai) means 'water' in many of the languages spoken in the Pacific islands, and provides a connecting theme to all three observing programmes.

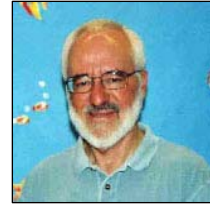
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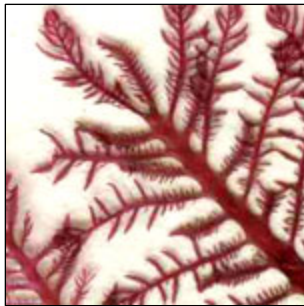
Letter from Jim Markham - UCSB Algal Herbarium Database

I have had two careers, and now in retirement, I am combining them. I retired from the UC Santa Barbara Library in 2006, and in 2007 I was named UCSB Librarian Emeritus, and then Associate Curator of the UCSB Algal Herbarium



(<http://ccber.lifesci.ucsb.edu/collections/botanical/algae/>). I am building a database of the UCSB Algal Herbarium, including the Markham Algal Collection, which I donated to UCSB in 1987 to get it out of my Oregon beach cabin.

The roots of this project go back many years. All through my graduate studies in Marine Botany, at University of Washington (M.Sc.), University of Oslo, and University of British Columbia (Ph.D.), and for several years afterwards, I collected seaweeds (marine algae) and built a sizable personal herbarium of pressed seaweeds, each sheet with a label recording the name of the alga and details of its collection. I soon began thinking how useful it would be if we had some way of collating all that information, so one could answer questions about the collections without paging through all the herbarium sheets, but there were no computers or software available back then to make it feasible.



At UBC, in addition to my dissertation-related collecting in Oregon and Alaska, I was sent on a great many seaweed-collecting expeditions, mostly to Alaska and British Columbia, but also to Washington, Oregon, California, and Chile, so the scope and rate of my collection activities increased greatly. Everything I collected during my time as a student and post-doc at UBC, and then during my two-year survey of the marine algae of Clatsop County, Oregon, was donated to the UBC Algal Herbarium. In return I received pressed and labeled duplicate specimens of all algae I collected for UBC. All the

UBC duplicates, together with other algal specimens I collected, constitute the Markham Algal Collection. The Oregon survey resulted in the first detailed report of the marine algae of Clatsop County (Markham, J.W. & Celestino, J.L. 1976. Intertidal marine plants of Clatsop County, Oregon. *Syesis* 9:253-266.). Oregon algae constitute the largest part of the Markham Collection, and I am responsible for most of the Oregon algae in the UBC Algal Herbarium.

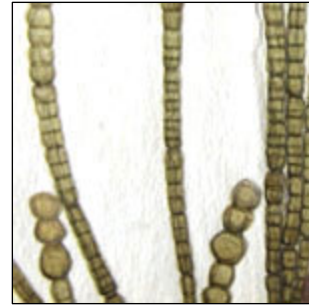
After 20 years of the year-to-year existence of a grant-funded algal research career, I opted for a more solid, biology-related career with a permanent job. After earning my M.L.S., I was very fortunate to be hired as a librarian at UC Santa Barbara, with its first-rate biology programs, where I could be both a cataloger and biology/marine science librarian, still be connected to biological research, and utilize my previous experience. I was able to do various interesting things as a librarian at UCSB for 20 years, helped greatly by my IAMSLIC membership.

The UCSB Herbarium, which included the Algal Herbarium, fused with the zoological collections and under the direction of a new Algal Curator, expanded with the addition of several more major algal collections. In 2005, a new Center was established by the fusion of the collections and ecological restoration programs and named the Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (CCBER)

(<http://ccber.lifesci.ucsb.edu/>). "Biodiversity" denotes CCBER's role as the UCSB natural history museum, with the Herbarium as its large core, and "Ecological

Restoration" denotes CCBER's role in restoring native vegetation, managing natural areas, and environmental education.

When I retired from the UCSB Library, I was asked to join CCBER and build a database of the Algal Herbarium. This was now being done elsewhere, so I jumped at the chance. For this project at CCBER we will be using *Specify* (<http://www.specifysoftware.org/Specify/specify/>), a research software application, database, and network interface for biological-collections information. It manages specimen data including descriptions of collecting locations, participants and determination histories, as well as information about collections transactions such as loans, exchanges, accessions and gifts. Originally developed by the National Science Foundation for fish collections, it is highly customizable and can be configured for any biological collection. It is available at no cost to institutions housing biological collections, and is already being used by many museums. A new version is being developed for botanical collections, *Specify 6*, which should be available in 2008. When *Specify 6* is available, it will be loaded and utilized at CCBER. Meanwhile, in advance of the release of *Specify 6*, we have loaded *Specify Workbench* on the CCBER Herbarium computer. *Specify Workbench* has been developed for interim entry and storage of data which can then be uploaded into the main *Specify* database later.



We decided to jumpstart this project by loading UBC records of algae from Oregon, because UBC has its Algal Herbarium online already and most of its Oregon algae are now also at UCSB as duplicates. UBC sent an *Excel* file of records for all the algae from Oregon housed in its Herbarium. This file was edited to eliminate all those algae not collected by Markham, and terminology for collection details was standardized. The resulting *Excel* file, with records for over 2300 specimens, and 26 data fields for each specimen record, was loaded into *Specify Workbench* in CCBER in December 2007. At this time I am adding UCSB Herbarium Accession Numbers to all these records for Oregon algae which also have UBC Accession Numbers. When that is completed, I can begin entering data for all the rest of the UCSB Algal Herbarium, directly from the herbarium sheets.

In a parallel project, we have started a digital image file of scanned herbarium sheets so that images of each plant can be linked to its *Specify* record. For this project we still need better scanning equipment and image archiving, so we have no pictures we want to show yet. Until the file in *Specify Workbench* is uploaded to *Specify*, nothing from this project will be available outside CCBER computers, but as soon as possible we will bring this up online for the world to see. And so, my dream of building a herbarium database is finally making progress, and after years of cataloging books, I am now cataloging seaweeds.



Jim Markham, January 2008, jimella@cox.net

Jim was the IAMSLIC Conference Proceedings Editor from 1993-2004.

The 2006 Proceedings was dedicated to Jim in recognition of his work as Editor.

Free to Download: Landsat Image Mosaic of Antarctica (LIMA)

For most of us, Antarctica was at best a distant acquaintance. Now, with the Landsat Image Mosaic of Antarctica (LIMA), we are on intimate terms. In stunning, up-close and personal detail, LIMA brings Antarctica to life.

Explore this virtually cloudless, seamless, most geometrically accurate, and highest resolution satellite mosaic of Antarctica.

A team of scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey, the British Antarctic Survey, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with funding from the National Science Foundation, created LIMA in support of the International Polar Year (IPY; 2007-08).

As the first major scientific outcome of the IPY, LIMA truly fulfills the IPY goals. LIMA is an international effort, supports current scientific polar research, encourages new projects, and helps the general public visualize Antarctica and changes happening in this southernmost environment. Researchers and the general public can download LIMA and all component Landsat scenes at no charge.

Source: U.S Geological Survey (USGS) 2007
<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2007/3116/>

Editors' Bubble

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue.

We hope you enjoyed Jim's update on what he is doing in his 'retirement'. And, don't forget to get involved with helping to populate the Aquatic Commons.

For the next issue...

Do you have any quirky little items of interest or handy hints that are related to aquatic and marine libraries? If you do, please send them in.

Remember it is your contributions that make up the newsletter.

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